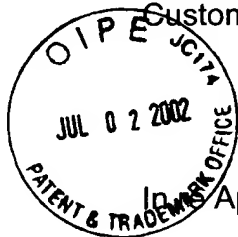


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated January 3, 2002, thereby extending the period for response to July 3, 2002. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account 50-1710, the extension fee of \$460.00.

No additional fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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